Two modern disruptions of society that I chose are COVID-19 and the September 11 attacks. The initial disruption for COVID-19 was the ongoing global pandemic. The spread started in December 2019 and led to millions of deaths and economic and social disruption. After the initial pandemic happened there was mixed reactions with people that did not see the severity of the virus and people that took steps to protect themselves and others. Politics became a main factor and allowed people to take opposing sides as they were following some “leaders”. When the vaccinations came into play there was a huge question on personal freedom and individuals over public health measures. This allowed for a discrepancy between individualism and collective responsibility. The pandemic response has reinforced existing values of compassion and cooperation but in some cases it has emphasized division and conflicts within society.

The second disruption I thought of is the September 11 attacks were a series of four terrorist attacks by the Islamic extremist group Al-Qaeda. The attacks killed 3,000 people and drastically impacted America. The response to the attacks was national unity. There was an increase in support for the military and the war on terror. The American flag and patriotic symbols were highly significant in this time. The reactions were largely framed by a sense of national identity and patriotism. This also included fear towards the attackers and terrorists.